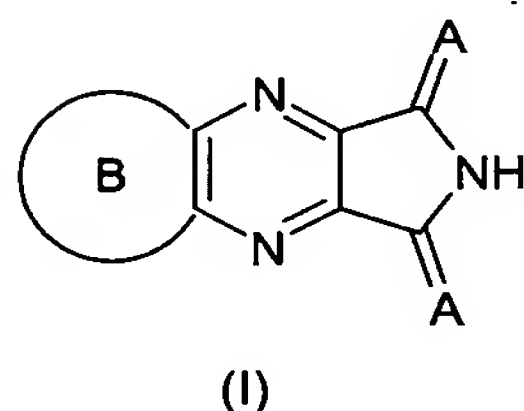
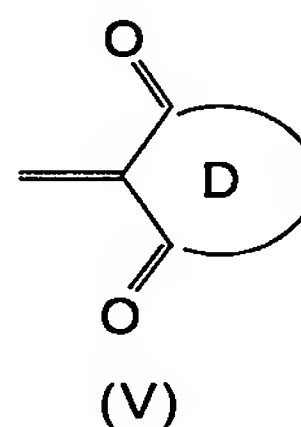
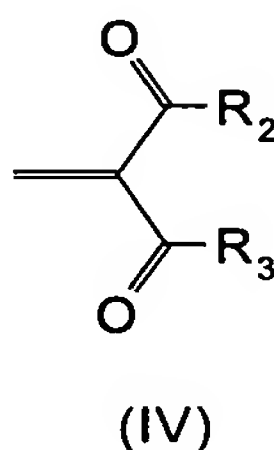
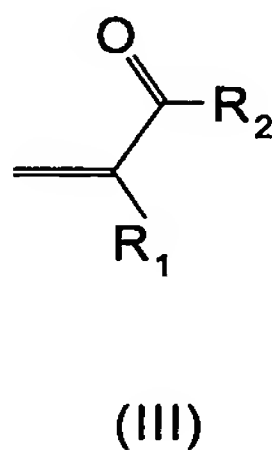
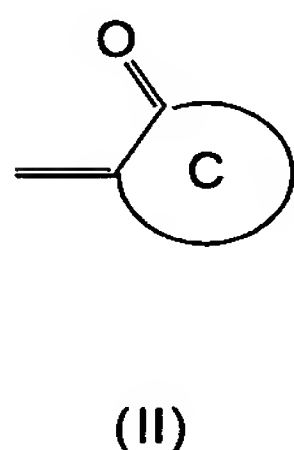


Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of the ~~general~~ formula (I)



~~in which~~ wherein A is a group of the general formula (II), (III), (IV) or (V)



~~in which~~ wherein C and D are an alicyclic or heterocyclic group;

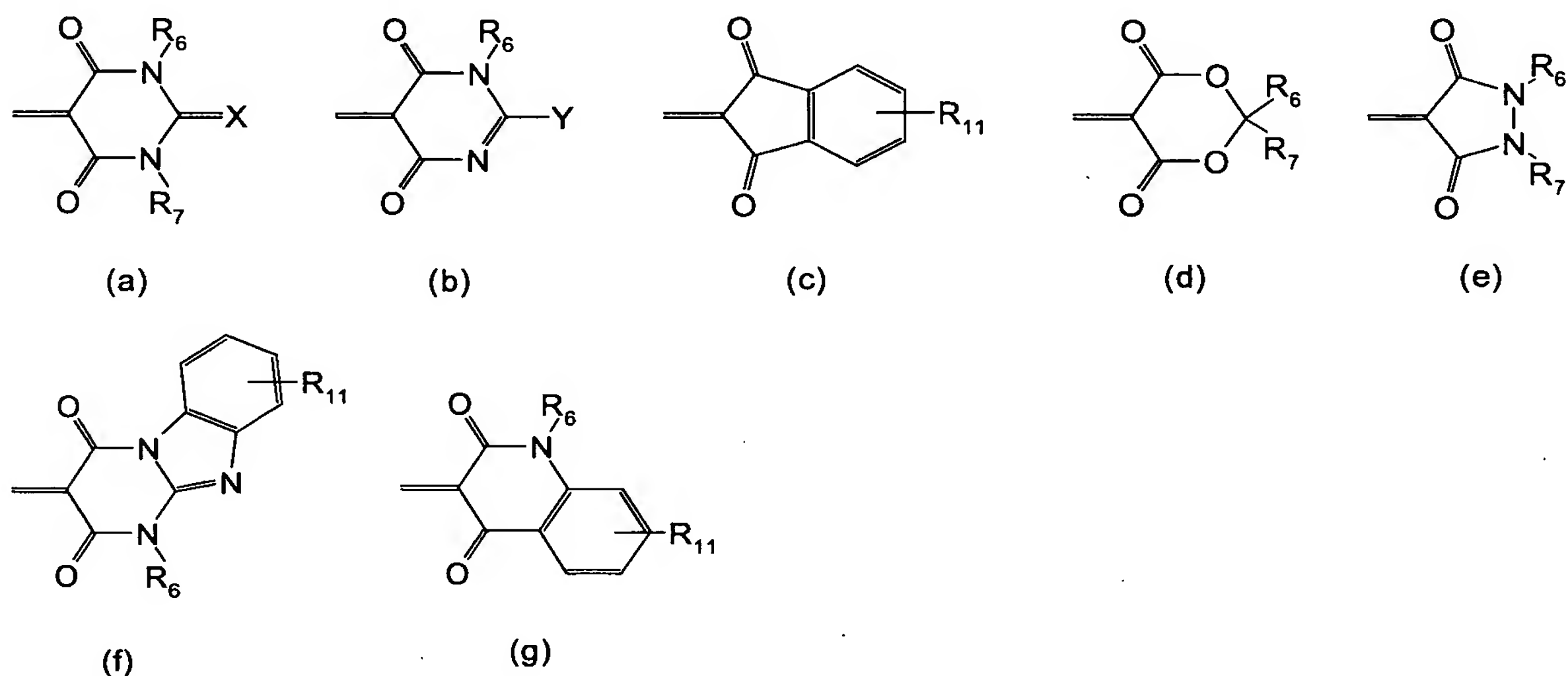
R₁ is CN or is a 5- to 7-membered heteroaromatic radical having 1, 2 or 3 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S,

and R₂ and R₃ independently of one another are C₁-C₂₅ alkyl, C₅-C₁₂ cycloalkyl, C₆-C₂₄ aryl, OH, OR₄ or NR₄R₅, ~~in which~~ wherein R₄ and R₅ are identical or different and are hydrogen, C₁-C₂₅ alkyl, C₅-C₁₂ cycloalkyl, C₆-C₂₄ aryl ~~which is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2, 3 or 4 radicals~~ halogen, R⁰, OR⁰, SR⁰, NH₂, NHR⁰, NR₂⁰, NO₂, COOH, COOR⁰, CONH₂, CONHR⁰, CONR₂⁰, CN, SO₃H, SO₂(OR⁰), SO₂R⁰, SO₂NHR⁰, SO₂NR₂⁰ ~~or by a 5- to 7-membered heteroaromatic radical having 1, 2 or 3 heteroatoms~~ selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S, or are a 5- to 7-membered heteroaromatic radical having 1, 2 or 3 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S,

~~R⁰ being~~ is C₁-C₁₈ alkyl or C₆-C₂₄ aryl;

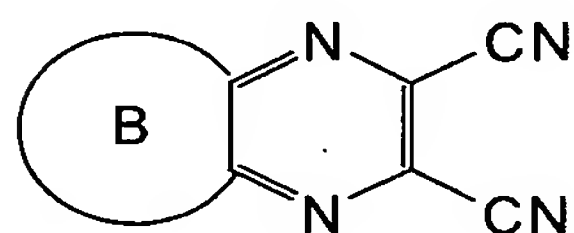
and B is unsubstituted or mono- to tetrasubstituted ortho-C₆-C₁₈ arylene.

2. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 1, ~~in which~~ wherein A is a divalent alicyclic or heterocyclic radical of the formulae (a) to (g)



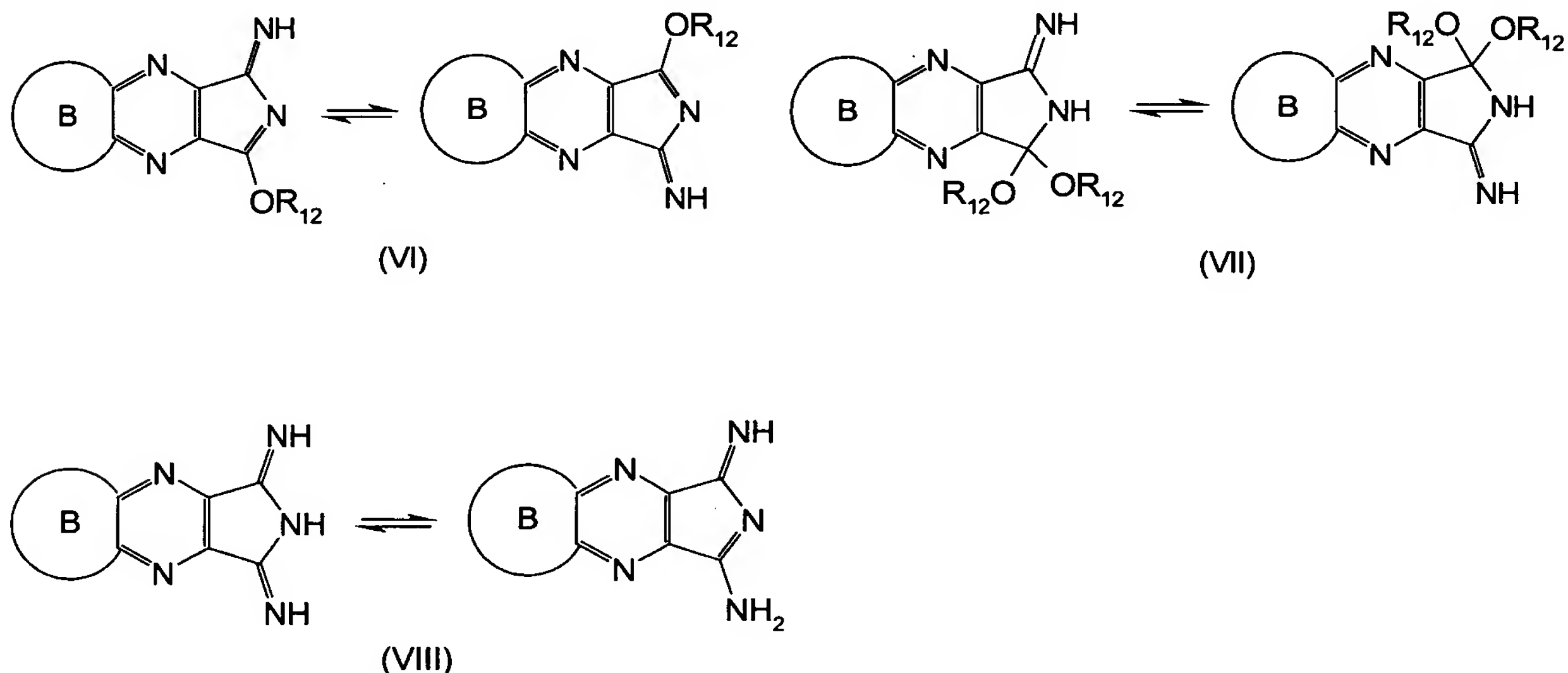
where R₆ and R₇ independently of one another are hydrogen, C₁-C₂₅ alkyl, C₅-C₁₂ cycloalkyl, C₆-C₂₄ aryl, C₁-C₂₅ alkyl(C₆-C₁₀ aryl), a 5- to 7-membered heteroaromatic radical having 1, 2 or 3 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S, ~~-(CH₂)_n-COR₈ or~~ and ~~-(CH₂)_m-OR₉, in which~~ wherein R₈ is hydroxyl, amino, unsubstituted or mono- or polyhydroxyl- or -amino-substituted C₁-C₂₅ alkoxy, C₁-C₂₅ alkylamino, di(C₁-C₂₅ alkyl)amino, C₁-C₂₅ alkyl(C₆-C₁₀ aryl)amino, (C₆-C₂₄ aryl)amino, di(C₆-C₂₄ aryl)amino, C₁-C₂₅ alkyl(C₆-C₁₀ aryl)amino, or C₂-C₂₄ alkenyloxy, and R₉ is hydrogen or -CO-(C₁-C₂₅ alkyl), and n and m independently of one another are an integer from 0 to 6, and ~~in which~~ wherein in R₆, R₇, R₈, and R₉, optionally ~~it is also possible for a C-C unit to be~~ is replaced by an ether unit C-O-C, X is =O, =S or =NR₁₀, ~~in which~~ wherein R₁₀ has one of the definitions of R₆, Y is hydrogen, R₇, OR₇, SR₇, NHCN or NR₇R₁₀, and R₁₁ is hydrogen, halogen, CN, R₇, OR₇, SR₇, NR₇R₁₀, NO₂, SO₂(OR₇), SO₂R₇, SO₂NHR₇, SO₂N(R₇)₂ or PO₂(OR₇).

3. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2, in which~~ wherein R_6 and R_7 are hydrogen, C_1 - C_{18} alkyl, C_5 - C_6 cycloalkyl, C_6 - C_{10} aryl, benzyl, pyridyl, pyrrol, thienyl, imidazolyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl, pyrimidyl, hydroxycarbonyl- C_0 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_{18} alkoxycarbonyl- C_0 - C_6 alkyl, aminocarbonyl- C_0 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_{18} alkylaminocarbonyl- C_0 - C_6 alkyl, C_6 - C_{10} arylaminocarbonyl- C_0 - C_6 alkyl, di(C_1 - C_{18} alkyl)aminocarbonyl- C_0 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_{18} alkyl- C_6 - C_{10} arylaminocarbonyl- C_0 - C_6 alkyl or di(C_6 - C_{10} aryl)aminocarbonyl- C_0 - C_6 alkyl.
4. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 2, ~~in which~~ wherein R_8 is hydroxyl, C_1 - C_{18} alkoxy, C_1 - C_{18} alkylamino, di(C_1 - C_{18} alkyl)amino, benzylamino, C_6 - C_{10} arylamino, di(C_6 - C_{10} aryl)amino or (C_2 - C_{18}) alkenyloxy.
5. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 2, ~~in which~~ wherein R_{11} is hydrogen, Cl, Br, C_1 - C_{18} alkyl, C_5 - C_6 cycloalkyl, benzyl, C_6 - C_{10} aryl, pyridyl, pyrrol, thienyl, imidazolyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl, pyrimidyl, C_1 - C_{18} alkoxy, C_6 - C_{10} aryloxy, C_1 - C_{18} alkylthio, C_6 - C_{10} arylthio, C_1 - C_{18} alkylamino, C_6 - C_{10} arylamino, di(C_1 - C_{18} alkyl)amino, C_1 - C_{18} alkyl(C_6 - C_{10} aryl)amino, di(C_6 - C_{10} aryl)amino, SO_3H , C_1 - C_{18} alkoxysulfonyl, C_1 - C_{18} alkylsulfonyl, C_1 - C_{18} alkylaminosulfonyl or di(C_1 - C_{18} alkyl)aminosulfonyl.
6. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing a compound as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 5, by~~ claim 1, comprising the steps of reacting, in a first reaction step a 2,3-dicyanoquinoxaline of the formula (XIV)



(XIV)

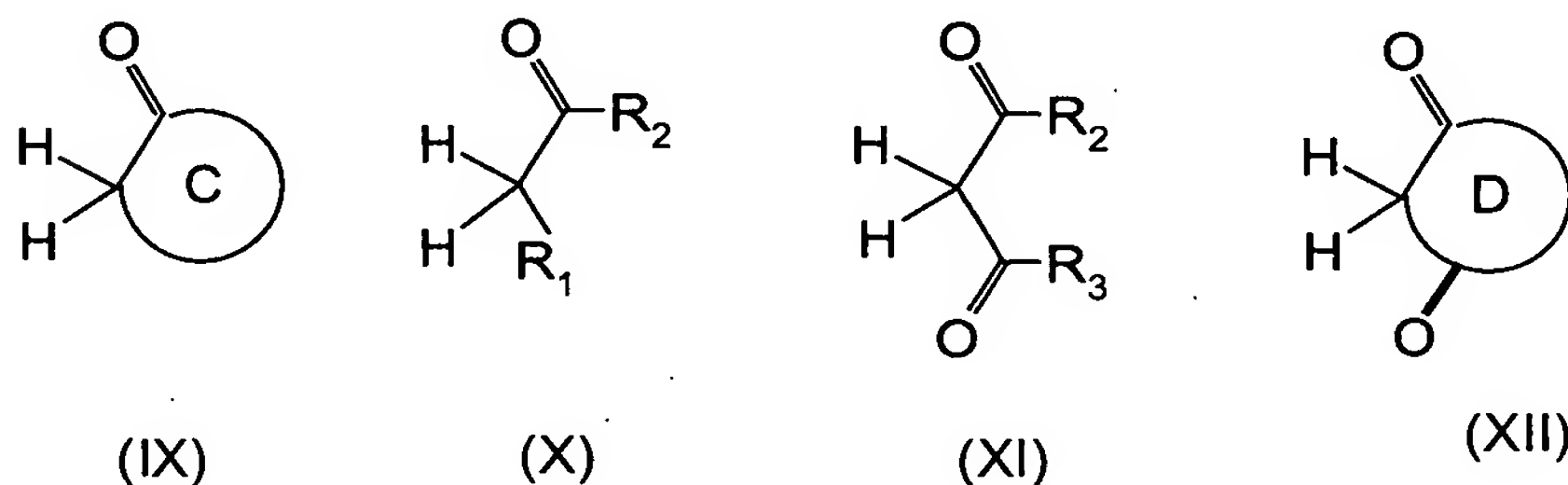
with a total of at least 2 equivalents of at least one of ammonia and/or alkoxides MOR_{12} , ~~in which~~ wherein M is sodium or potassium, to give di- or monoimino-substituted diazabenzisindoles of the formulae (VI), (VII) or (VIII)



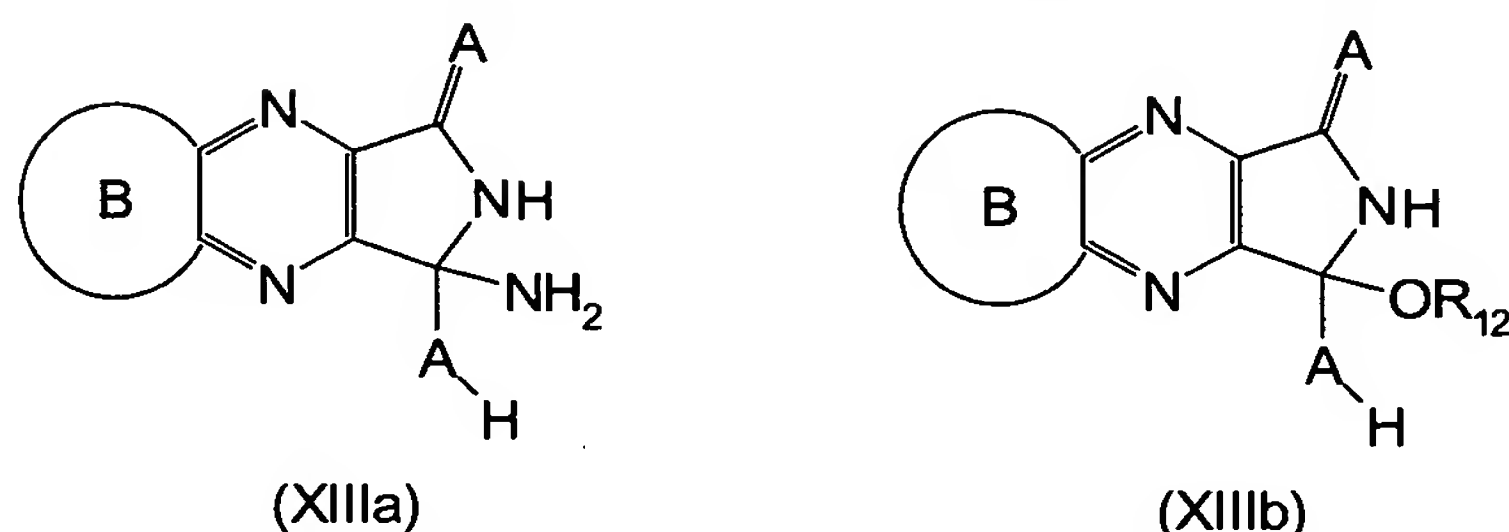
~~in which~~ wherein R_{12} is C_1-C_{18} alkyl or $-(CH_2)_m-OH$ and m is an integer ~~in the range~~ from 1 to 6, and ~~it is also possible for~~ optionally a C-C unit ~~to be~~ is replaced by an ether unit C-O-C,

in a solvent or solvent mixture under basic to neutral conditions at a temperature of -20 to $120^\circ C$,

reacting, in a second reacting step, the di- or monoimino-substituted diazabenzisindoles of the formulae (VI), (VII) or (VIII) ~~which are subsequently~~ reacted, in a solvent or solvent mixture under neutral to acidic conditions, with at least 2 equivalents of a compound of the formulae (IX), (X), (XI) or (XII)

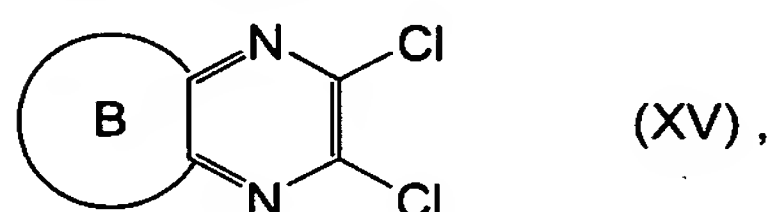


to give a further intermediate of the general formula (XIIIa) or (XIIIb)



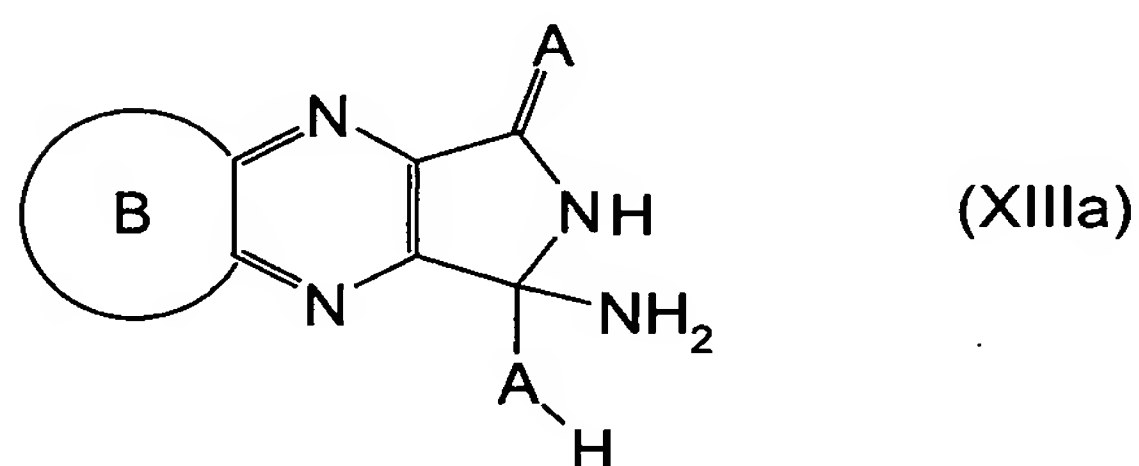
~~from which subsequently and eliminating~~ one mole of ammonia or HOR_{12} is ~~eliminated from the further intermediate.~~

7. (Original) The process as claimed in claim 6, wherein the 2,3-dicyanoquinoxaline is prepared by reacting 2,3-dichloroquinoxalines of the formula (XV)

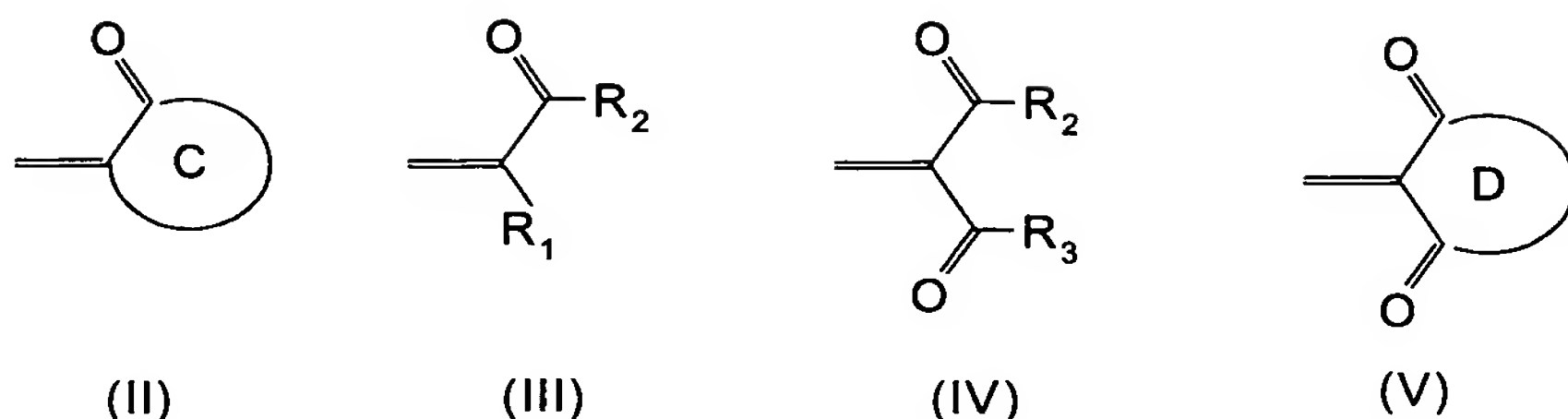


with a cyanide of a main-group or transition-group metal in an organic solvent in the presence of a phase-transfer catalyst at elevated temperatures.

8. (Currently Amended) A compound of the general formula (XIIIa),



wherein A is a group of the general formula (II), (III), (IV) or (V)



wherein C and D are an alicyclic or heterocyclic group;

R₁ is CN or is a 5- to 7-membered heteroaromatic radical having 1, 2 or 3 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S,

and R₂ and R₃ independently of one another are C₁-C₂₅ alkyl, C₅-C₁₂ cycloalkyl, C₆-C₂₄ aryl, OH, OR₄ or NR₄R₅, in which wherein R₄ and R₅ are identical or different and are hydrogen, C₁-C₂₅ alkyl, C₅-C₁₂ cycloalkyl, C₆-C₂₄ aryl which is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2, 3 or 4 radicals halogen, R⁰, OR⁰, SR⁰, NH₂, NHR⁰, NR₂⁰, NO₂, COOH, COOR⁰, CONH₂, CONHR⁰, CONR₂⁰, CN, SO₃H, SO₂(OR⁰), SO₂R⁰, SO₂NHR⁰, SO₂NR₂⁰ or by a 5- to 7-membered heteroaromatic radical having 1, 2 or 3 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S, or are a 5- to 7-membered heteroaromatic radical having 1, 2 or 3 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S,

R⁰ being is C₁-C₁₈ alkyl or C₆-C₂₄ aryl;

and B is unsubstituted or mono- to tetrasubstituted ortho-C₆-C₁₈ arylene in which A and B are as defined in one or more of claims 1 to 5.

9. (Currently Amended) A process for coloring an ~~The use of a compound as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 5 for dyeing or pigmenting organic or inorganic materials~~ material of high or low molecular weight comprising the step of dyeing or pigmenting the organic or inorganic material with a compound as claimed in claim 1.

10. (Currently Amended) The use-process as claimed in claim 9, wherein the organic or inorganic material is selected from the group consisting of ~~as colorants~~

~~in oil-based or paints, water-based paints, in coating materials, camouflage~~
~~paints, for spin coloring, for the mass coloring or pigmenting of plastics, in printing~~
~~inks, in the mass coloring of paper, for seed, for preparing inks, water-based or non-~~
water-based ink-jet inks, microemulsion inks, and inks which operate in accordance
with the hot-melt process.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~The use as claimed in claim 9 as colorants for~~ A
colored composition comprising a compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein the
composition is selected from the group consisting of electrophotographic toners,
electrophotographic and developers, for color filters, for electronic inks, for powder
coating materials, and ~~in~~ optical layers for optical data storage.

12. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising an organic or inorganic, high
or low molecular weight material and a compound as claimed in ~~one or more of~~
~~claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, wherein the compound is present in an amount of 0.005% to
70% by weight, based on the organic or inorganic material.